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**Applicants:** NORIAKI ODA, et al.

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**For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD  
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified patent application, kindly enter the following preliminary amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

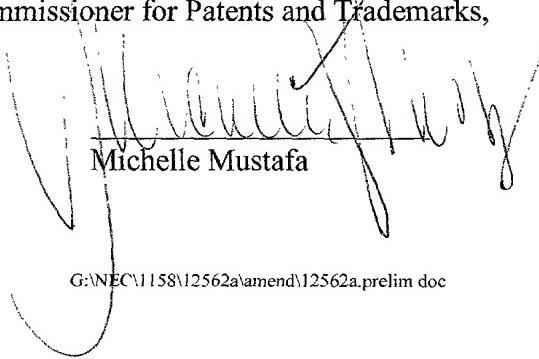
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**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION:**

The present application is a divisional of copending application

Serial Number 09/275,532 filed on March 24, 1999.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Prior to examination, please cancel claims 9-14.

**REMARKS**

Applicants submit that the foregoing amendment to the specification was made to add a "Cross Reference to Related Applications" section. The present amendment does not introduce new matter into the application. Wherefore, early and favorable consideration of the present application, as amended herein, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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